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CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Public Safety	9 am
Parks	10 ³⁰ am
Executive Matters	1pm

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Budget	9am
Public Works	1pm

Thursday, Nov. 19

Zoning and Planning	9 am
Transportation	1 pm
IGA	2:30p

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COUNCILMEMBER IKAIKA ANDERSON DISTRICT 3 UPDATE NOVEMBER 2015

City Council Approves Two Landmark Affordable Housing Projects

The City Council this week approved two landmark affordable housing projects that are both scheduled to commence construction in May 2016. Both projects received exemptions from the State Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and from the City Council in order to ensure low pricing and rental rates for households earning as low as 30% of the HUD Area Median Income (AMI), which currently is \$25,000-\$50,000 for a family of four.

SamKoo Pacific LLC will build a 485-unit residential condominium offering 292 of its units to individuals and families earning less than 120% of AMI. The structure, Kapiolani Residence, located at 1631 Kapiolani Boulevard will include studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units and a public plaza with leisure space spanning its Kapiolani Boulevard frontage. The developer is proposing that 33 of the units be offered to households earning less than 80% of AMI. This project stands out for its commitment to affordable housing in the very high-value district near Ala Moana Center.

Hale Kewalo is a 128-unit affordable housing condominium project located near Ala Moana, within the Hawaii Community Development Authority (or HCDA) district, Kakaako redevelopment area. The project, which is being primarily financed through the sale of state and federal tax credits, will provide a mixture of units, ranging in size from one to three-bedrooms. Unlike many other recent projects, which have had a portion of their units reserved for low-income individuals and families, all units in this project will be reserved for individuals and families earning between 30% and 60% of the AMI.-currently \$25,000-\$50,000 for a family of four. Of greater significance is that these units will remain at these affordable levels for 61 years.

By approving these developments, the City is helping to not only get more affordable housing delivered to the residents of Oahu, but to put forth model projects which demonstrate that 100% affordable housing ventures can be realized in Oahu's urban core. These projects reach out to the most vulnerable members of our community and I am very hopeful that the City can partner with private developers to offer more projects such as these. Despite the numerous concessions that are given by the City, including exemption and deferral of certain fees, the overall value of these projects to the people of Hawaii far outweighs the fees that would have been otherwise collected by the City. Without these exemptions, developers would not be able to offer prices and rates that our present and future working generations could afford; and we're making that possible. These projects are shining examples of trans-oriented development that can result from public-private partnerships.

Hawaii Health Connector

The 30,000 Hawaii residents who signed up for health insurance through the Hawaii Health Connector must sign up now through the Federal Obamacare website, www.healthcare.gov for their 2016 health insurance as open enrollment runs from November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

Their current health insurance coverage is ending on December 31, 2015.

There is a FREE Health Insurance Walk-In Enrollment Event this Friday:

Friday, November 20, 2015

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hawaii State Capitol Rotunda

There will be one-on-one assistance with signing up for health insurance.

You can also apply online at <http://www.healthcare.gov>

If you can't attend the event on Friday, there are other events available to learn about the Hawaii Health Connector and obtaining insurance coverage. Please visit <http://www.hawaiihealthconnector.com/events/> for a list of other events available for the public.

On Monday, November 9, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser will publish the public notice for the Fiscal Year 2017 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

For those who are interested in the CDBG program, more Information regarding the CDBG RFP will also be posted on the following website:

<http://www.honolulu.gov/cms-bfs-menu/site-bfs-sitearticles/408-federal-grants.html>

To ensure that they receive email notifications of future funding opportunities, your constituent(s) should go to the link below and complete the information requested to be included on the email subscription list.

<https://www.honolulu.gov/esub/email-subscribe-bfs>

ROAD RE-PAVING UPDATES

Very frequently, we receive calls from our constituents inquiring about the status of a road re-paving project. Earlier this year the City setup an online database that provides a listing of both current and future road repaving projects. As this list is maintained on a regular basis it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in road repaving projects anywhere on the island.

You can visit this index at: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/ddc/roadrepavingupdate.htm> It is also important to remember that when the City issues a contract for an area to be repaved, the contractor has the discretion to determine the order in which roads—within the scope of their contract—will be paved. If you should have any questions regarding road repaving projects please do not hesitate to contact my office!